

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No. PCT/SG03/00233

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED																						
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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used) USPTO, DWPI, internet (mp3, mp3i, audio, music, id3, visualization, video, etc.)																						
C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT																						
Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.																				
X, P	WO 02/103484 A2 (FIRST INTERNATIONAL DIGITAL, INC.), 27 December 2002 the whole document	1-77																				
X	WO 02/071021 A1 (FIRST INTERNATIONAL DIGITAL, INC.), 12 September 2002 the whole document (in particular, paragraphs 81-83)	1-3, 26-33, 71, 83																				
X	WO 01/61684 A1 (FIRST INTERNATIONAL DIGITAL, INC.), 23 August 2001 the whole document	70																				
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A	US 6,369,822 B1 (PEEVERS et al), 9 April 2002 the whole document	1-83
A	US 6,395,969 B1 (FUHRER), 28 May 2002 the whole document	1-83
O	<i>MP3i Creator: Features</i> , mp3icreator.com website, 4 October 2002 <URL: http://web.archive.org/web/20021004095609/http://www.mp3icreator.com/creator/features/ >	1-83

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Information on patent family members

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This Annex lists the known "A" publication level patent family members relating to the patent documents cited in the above-mentioned international search report. The Australian Patent Office is in no way liable for these particulars which are merely given for the purpose of information.

Patent Document Cited in Search Report			Patent Family Member	
WO	02103484	US	2002193895	
WO	02071021	US	2002165720	
WO	0161684	AU	17654/01	US 6442517
US	6369822		NONE	
US	6395969		NONE	

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos :

because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. Claims Nos :

because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

3. Claims Nos :

because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a)

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

See extra sheet.

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims

2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.

3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

- The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

- No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Supplemental Box

(To be used when the space in any of Boxes I to VIII is not sufficient)

Continuation of Box No: II

The international application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention because it does not relate to one invention or to a group of inventions so linked as to form a single general inventive concept. In coming to this conclusion, the International Searching Authority has found that there are two inventions:

1. Claims 1-69 and 71-83, directed to systems and methods for providing visual content for an audio stream. The selection of the visual content according to audio description data encoded in the stream is considered to be a first "special technical feature."
2. Claim 70, directed to a method of delivering karaoke text and timing information. The insertion of karaoke text and timing information into an audio stream is considered to be a second "special technical feature."

Although these groups of claims both feature the encoding of non-audio data into an audio stream, this is well known and cannot constitute a "special technical feature" uniting the claims. Since the claims share no other technical features, a "technical relationship" between the inventions, as defined in PCT rule 13.2, does not exist. Accordingly, the international application does not relate to one invention or to a single inventive concept.